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the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Towards an Independent State
Beirut, 11-14 October 2004

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 11 October 2004

Location: Beirut International Exhibition and Leisure Centre (BIEL), Pavillon Royal

6 - 7.30 p.m. **OPENING SESSION**

- Ms. Mervat Tallawy (Forum Chair), United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General, League of Arab States;
- H.E. Mr. Nabil Shaath, Minister of Foreign Relations, Palestinian Authority;
- H.E. General Emile Lahoud, President of Lebanon.

7.30 p.m. **RECEPTION**

Tuesday, 12 October 2004

Location: Beirut International Exhibition and Leisure Centre (BIEL), Pavillon Royal

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. **Arrival and registration**

10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. **FIRST SESSION: THE IMPACT OF OCCUPATION AND THE PALESTINIAN DEVELOPMENT VISION**

Moderators: - H.E. Ahmad Guaili, Secretary General, Council of Arab Economic Unity

- Ms. Mervat Tallawy, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

- (a) Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation
(Note by the Secretary-General)
Ms. Mervat Tallawy, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCWA;
- (b) "The inter-Palestinian consultation process"
Mr. Mohamed Ghudeyah, Director General, Ministry of Planning, Palestinian Authority;
- (c) "The coordinated Palestinian development vision"
H.E. Mr. Ghassan Al-Khatib, Minister of Labour and Acting Minister of Planning, Palestinian Authority;
- (d) "Linking relief to development"
Mr. Fadle Naqib, Adviser to the Ministry of Planning of the Palestinian Authority.

Tuesday, 12 October 2004 (continued)

11.45 a.m. - Noon **Break**

Noon - 2.00 p.m. **SECOND SESSION: THE PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AMIDST UNCERTAINTIES**

Moderators: - Islamic Development Bank

- Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy-Resident Representative, UNDP, Lebanon

- Noon - 1.15 p.m. (a) "The challenges of Palestinian development in the emerging regional and international environment"
Mr. George Abed, Special Advisor to the Managing Director, International Monetary Fund;
- (b) "Development under crisis conditions"
Mr. Atef Kubursi, Professor of Economics, McMaster University, Canada;
- (c) "Institution building and reform in a war-torn economy: The case of Palestine"
Mr. Mushtak Khan, Professor of Economics, University of London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (d) "Rehabilitation and Development: The Palestinian experience"
Mr. Mohamad Shtayeh, Director, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), the Palestinian Authority;
- 1.15 - 2.00 p.m. (e) "The impact of physical separation on socio-economic conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory"
Mr. Mostafa Barghouti, Director, Health, Development, Information and Policy Institute, Palestine;

2.00 - 3.30 p.m. **Lunch break**

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Location: ESCWA, United Nations House, Riad El-Solh Square

3.30 - 6 p.m. Parallel technical workshops
Palestinian needs and priorities

Workshop A: Social aspects

Moderators: - Mr. Jawad Naji, Assistant Deputy-Minister, Ministry of National Economy, Palestinian Authority

- International Labour Organization

Paper: "Social needs and priorities"
Mr. Mohsen Abu Ramadan, Palestinian NGOs Network (PNGO)

Discussants: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Mr. Hasan Abdel Ati, Coordinator, National Civic Forum, Sudan

Tuesday, 12 October 2004 (continued)

Workshop B: Economic aspects

Moderators: - Mr. Mazen Sinnokrot, Chairman, Private Sector Coordination Council
- Ms. Hanna Daoudi, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development UNCTAD

Paper: "Economic needs and priorities"
Mr. Samir Abdullah, Director, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute

Discussants: Mr. Atef Kubursi
Mr. Radwan Shaaban, the World Bank

Workshop C: Infrastructure

Moderators: - H.E. Mr. Azzam El-Ahmad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Palestinian Authority
- ESCWA

Paper: "Infrastructure needs and priorities"
Mr. Sameer Abu-Eisheh, Director of Planning and Development, and Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, An-Najah National University and Mr. Bader Abu Zahra, Planning Expert, Ministry of Planning, Palestinian Authority

Discussant: Mr. Abdel Monem Ariss, Mayor, Municipality of Beirut

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10 a.m. - Noon

THIRD SESSION: ENHANCING ARAB-PALESTINIAN PARTNERSHIP

Moderators: - H.E. Ambassador Said Kamal, League of Arab States
- Ms. Oumnia Taha, League of Arab States

- (a) Arab assistance: League of Arab States;
- (b) Arab assistance: Al-Aqsa Fund;
- (c) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC): Representative of the Secretary-General, GCC;
- (d) Civil society: Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Director, Arab NGOs Network for Development and Mr. Izzat Abdelhadi, PNGO;
- (e) The private sector: Mr. Samir Huleileh, Chairman, Palestinian Trade Centre;
- (f) The Palestinian diaspora: Mr. As'ad Abdul-Rahman, Executive Chairman, Palestine International Institute

Noon - 1.30 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION: ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL-PALESTINIAN PARTNERSHIP

Moderators: - H.E. Ambassador Qassem Sultan, Director-General of Dubai Municipality, and UN-HABITAT Good Will Ambassador for the Arab Countries

- Mr. Richard Cook, Director, UNRWA (Lebanon Field Office)

- (a) United Nations assistance to the Palestinian people: Mr. Alex Costi, UNESCO;
- (b) Programme of assistance to the Palestinian people: Mr. Mounir Kleibo, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People;
- (c) Donors' assistance to the occupied Palestinian territory: Mr. Sebastien Dessus, the World Bank;
- (d) International support: roles and responsibilities: Senator Pierre Galand, Chairman, Belgo-Palestinian Association;
- (e) Role of the European civil societies: Ms. Greta Duisenberg, Chair, Stop the Occupation, Netherlands.

1.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Lunch break

3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Parallel technical workshops
Cross-cutting issues

Workshop A:

The Palestinian diaspora

Moderator: - Mr. Ismail Zabri, Director, Welfare Association

- Mr. Amin Medani, Director, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Papers: "The role of the Palestinian diaspora in the development process in the occupied Palestinian territory"

Mr. Nabil Hajjar, Professor, University of Lille, France

"The TOKTEN experience"

Mr. Mounir Kleibo, UNDP

Discussants: Mr. Essam Youssef, INTERPAL, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Mr. Mahmoud Issa, Palestinian Community, Denmark

Workshop B:

Private sector partnering for a promising Palestine

Moderators: - Mr. Mohamed Al-Qudweh, Chairman, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce

- Mr. Mahmoud Khaled Ezzedine, Al Aqsa Fund

Paper: "Palestinian private sector potentials for partnership"

Mr. Samir Huleileh, Chairman, Palestinian Trade Centre

Roundtable discussion

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Workshop C: Women's participation

Moderators: - H.E. Ms. Zahira Kamal, Minister, Ministry of Women Affairs,
Palestinian Authority
- Ms. Fatme Sbaity, ESCWA

Paper: "Palestinian women and priorities for development: a vision for
participation"
Ms. Hadil Qazzaz, Ministry of Women Affairs, Palestinian Authority

Discussants: Ms. Niemat Kuku, Researcher, Gender Centre for Research and
Training, Sudan

Ms. Salwa Seniora Baasiri, Secretary General, National Committee of
UNESCO

3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Working group sessions
Partnership initiatives

Working group I: Medical education and training: a Qatar Red Crescent (RC) partnership initiative

(a) Postgraduate medical initiative

Moderator: Dr. Mohamed El-Tawil;

(b) Postgraduate medical education and training needs

Moderator: Dr. Khaled Diab;

(c) Paramedic and nursing training initiative

Moderator: Dr. Sharkawi;

(d) Recommendations

Moderator: Dr. Mohamed Ghanem Al Ali, Secretary-General, Qatar RC.

4.30 - 6 p.m. Roundtable discussion
The role of the media in promoting socio-economic development partnership

Moderators: - Mr. Rami Khouri, Executive Editor, Daily Star
- Ms. Khawla Mattar, International Labour Organization (ILO)

6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Cultural event: The other side of Palestine (folklore evening)
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10 - 11.30 a.m. Working group sessions
Partnership initiatives

Working group II: Civil society partnership

Moderators: - Arab NGOs Network for Development (ANND)
- Mr. El Mansour Ben Fetn, Al-Aqsa Fund

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Working group III: Agricultural and agro-business partnership

Moderators: - ESCWA
- Itelafu Al Khair

Working group IV: Twinning of municipalities

Moderators: - United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- ESCWA

11.30 - Noon "This is Palestine Photography", Presentation by Mr. George Azar

Noon - 1.30 p.m. **Closing session**

- Presentation of outcomes and recommendations;
- Concluding recommendations.

THE OTHER SIDE OF PALESTINE: CULTURAL AND SIDE EVENTS

(a) ***The Ramallah Film Festival***

Date: 4-8 October 2004, screenings from 6 - 8 p.m.

Venue: The American University of Beirut, Hamra (Bathich Hall)

Co-organizers: The Cinema Club at the American University of Beirut and the Ramallah Film Institute

(b) ***Plastic Arts Exhibition: "Colours of Palestine"***

Date: 9-15 October 2004, open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Venue: The Glass Hall, Ministry of Tourism, Hamra Street, Hamra

Co-organizer: The General Union of Palestinian Plastic Artists

(c) ***Folklore Evening***

Date: 13 October 2004 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Beirut International Exhibition and Leisure Centre

Performers: Bara'em el-Funoun, Palestinian folkdance group from Ramallah

Somoud Group for Popular Arts, Palestinians from refugee camps in Lebanon

Children of Dar Al Aytam Al Islamyah (Lebanese children)

Co-organizer: National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training (Beit Atfal Assomoud)

(d) ***Book Fair: "Palestine in Books"***

Date: 11-15 October 2004

Venue: Gibran Khalil Gibran Garden, Riad El-Solh Square*

Co-organizer: Ibn Rushd Publishing House

(e) ***Crafts Exhibition: "Palestine as Crafts"***

Date: 11-15 October 2004

Venue: Gibran Khalil Gibran Garden, Riad El-Solh Square*

Co-organizers: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Palestinian Revival Heritage Committee

(f) ***Photo Exhibition: "Palestine: Daily Life"***

Date: 11-15 October 2004

Venue: Gibran Khalil Gibran Garden, Riad El-Solh Square*

Co-organizer: Union of Arab Photographers

(g) ***Children's Paintings Exhibition: "Construction versus Destruction"***

Date: 11-15 October 2004

Venue: ESCWA, United Nations House

Co-organizer: Ibda' Cultural Centre, Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Palestine

* The Gibran Khalil Gibran Garden is located in front of United Nations House. Exhibits on display in the garden are open to the public throughout the day and also in the evening.

